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DETAILS:  <p>On 2 Jul 1956, the files of the Community Office, Schardenberg, District Schaarding, Upper Austria, were examined regarding SUBJECT and the following information was revealed:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Name:</td> <td>ZIRNER, Johann</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date of Birth:</td> <td>13 Oct 1911</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Place of Birth:</td> <td>Birk, Rumania</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nationality:</td> <td>Ethnic German from Rumania</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Occupation:</td> <td>Farmland and unskilled laborer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marital Status:</td> <td>Married since 1937</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Religion:</td> <td>Protestant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wife:</td> <td>Susanna Zirner nee Schindler, born 1 Mar 1914</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Son:</td> <td>Johann Zirner, born 29 Jan 1942</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Daughter:</td> <td>Susanna Zirner, born 15 Sep 1937</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residences:</td> <td>7 May 1948 - to date Camp Schardenberg, District Schaarding; registered as coming from a prisoner-of-war camp</td> </tr> </table> <p>A check of records and field investigation revealed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ZIRNER was born on 13 Oct 1911 in Birk, Rumania.</li> <li>2. SUBJECT'S father, Johann Zirner, lives in Birk, Rumania; his mother, Maria Zirner nee Dinesch died in 1912.</li> <li>3. SUBJECT was married on 9 Jan 1937 in Birk to Susanna Zirner, who lives with him and his son, Johann. His daughter, Susanna, resides in Schaarding.</li> <li>4. ZIRNER is an Ethnic German from Rumania.</li> <li>5. Investigation revealed that SUBJECT'S father, Johann Zirner resides in Birk, Rumania.</li> <li>6. Since coming to Austria in 1948, SUBJECT has been living in Schardenberg.</li> <li>7. Investigation revealed no derogatory information reflecting on SUBJECT'S health.</li> <li>8. From 1933 to 1934 SUBJECT served in the Rumanian Army; from 1943 to 1945 in the Waffen SS of the German Army; and from 1945 to 1948 he was a prisoner-of-war in an American prisoner-of-war camp in Germany.</li> <li>9. Investigation revealed no derogatory information concerning SUBJECT'S political history.</li> <li>10. SUBJECT has been a member of the Austrian Trade Union since 1948.</li> <li>11. Investigation revealed that SUBJECT has never been arrested or had any trouble with the police.</li> <li>12. From 1918 to 1926, SUBJECT attended elementary school in Birk, Rumania. He is literate in the German, Rumanian and Hungarian languages.</li> <li>13. Since 1948, ZIRNER worked for various construction firms (Not Further Identified) (NFI) in Upper Austria. At present he is employed with the <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> construction firm in Mondsee.</li> </ol>			Name:	ZIRNER, Johann	Date of Birth:	13 Oct 1911	Place of Birth:	Birk, Rumania	Nationality:	Ethnic German from Rumania	Occupation:	Farmland and unskilled laborer	Marital Status:	Married since 1937	Religion:	Protestant	Wife:	Susanna Zirner nee Schindler, born 1 Mar 1914	Son:	Johann Zirner, born 29 Jan 1942	Daughter:	Susanna Zirner, born 15 Sep 1937	Residences:	7 May 1948 - to date Camp Schardenberg, District Schaarding; registered as coming from a prisoner-of-war camp
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DETAILS:

14. The following persons were interviewed:

Paul Wms (employment reference), born 22 Jun 1915, employee at the ARMO-STUAG  
Werk in Mondsee  
Susanne Wmges (character reference), born 14 Oct 1923, residing in Camp Scharden-  
berg  
Anton Jakob (developed reference), born 7 Sep 1890, residing in Camp Scharden-  
berg

All persons interviewed generally praised SUBJECT and no derogatory information was developed as a result of these interviews.

15. SUBJECT was not interviewed.

16. 66th CIC Group, Stuttgart, Germany, reported the following information regarding SUBJECT on 9 July 1956:

SUBJECT served in the Waffen SS until 23 November 1943 as a Rotten-  
fuhrer. From 23 November 1943 to May 1945 SUBJECT was a guard at con-  
centration camps Mauthausen and Linz. (P96) SUBJECT was convicted of  
the offense of aiding and participating in the operation of the Mauthausen  
Concentration Camp and sentenced by US Army Military Court on 5  
August 1947 to three (3) years imprisonment commencing 6 May 1945. (B-2)  
SUBJECT was confined at Landsberg prison 13 August 1947. (C-3)

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